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QUERIED KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TO IMPERIAL COURT ON AUGUST 30
ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN KUWAIT. SHAIKH NASSER MOHAMMED AHMED
AL-JABER AL-SABAH REPLIED THAT A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE EARLIER
IN "THE FAMILY" TO HAVE "A BIT OF A CLEAN-UP" IN KUWAIT. THE
AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS PERMITTING
ITSELF "TOO MUCH DEMOCRACY" AND THAT KUWAITI NEWSPAPERS WERE
BEING BOUGHT UP BY "NEIGHBORS OF OURS." "ONE PAPER HAS ALREADY BEEN
CLOSED DOWN." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN ADDITION TO DISSOLVING
PARLIAMENT, A NEW AMENDMENT TO THE LAW OF THE PRESS WILL BE
PROMULGATED FORBIDDING ANY FOREIGN ELEMENT TO PURCHASE INTEREST
IN KUWAITI NEWSPAPERS AND ALSO FORBIDDING KUWAITI NEWSPAPERS
TO CARRY ANY ADVERTISEMENTS PAID FOR BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.
SHAIKH NASSER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH KUWAIT
THIS MORNING AND THAT EVERYTHING IS IN FINE SHAPE WITH
PUBLIC OPINION SOLIDLY BEHIND THE DECISIONS MADE BY
THE EMIR ON SUNDAY".
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